



## OVERSEAS TICKER

### AMMAN, JORDAN

George Weller, *Chicago Daily News*, arrived in Amman to cover the first American arms airlift to Jordan.

Other Middle East hands covering the story are Angelo Natale, AP; Henry Toluzzi, NBC; Richard Kallsen, CBS, and *Time* magazine's Tom Streithorst.

Joe Morris, UP staffer in Beirut, was turned back at the Amman airport and told he was on Jordan's blacklist. Prompt mediation by the staff of the U.S. Embassy in Amman brought Joe back by Sunday in time to cover the airlift.

VOA's Bob Walker is on his final swing through Jordan before returning to Washington, Stateside vacation and reassignment to Lahore, Pakistan.

All fought the usual losing battle with the Jordanian censorship which is generally regarded as the most unreasonable and harshest blue-pencil set-up in the whole of the Middle East. News of the airlift was rigidly suppressed until the planes were on the ground despite the fact that back home and in Europe details of the arms shipment had been in print for several days.

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## Club Calendar

Tues., Sept. 24 — First Regional Dinner of season: *Portugal*. \$3.75. One guest per member. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m., Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 25 — Overseas Members Liaison Committee meeting. 12:30 p.m. Lunch.

Mon., Sept. 30 — Preview of Lady Russell's TV documentary film on Israel and the Gaza Strip, including shots of famous "hundred hours" during Israeli-Egyptian hostilities last Fall. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 1 — Open House — William L. Laurence, science editor of *N.Y. Times*, will discuss his attendance at recent atomic energy conferences in Europe. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., buffet supper.

Tues., Oct. 8 — Open House — Governor Leroy Collins of Florida. Cocktails, 6:00 p.m., buffet supper.

## CYPRUS SOLUTION UP TO U.N. MAKARIOS SAYS; ASKS VOTE "ON SUBSTANCE," NO TURKISH VOICE



Photo: INP

Archbishop Makarios (above), exiled leader of Greek Cypriotes, told an OPC luncheon audience at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Sept. 13 that the Cyprus problem could be solved only by the United Nations.

Noting that last year's General Assembly adopted a Resolution calling for a "peaceful, democratic and just solution," he said "it is earnestly to be hoped" that this year's Assembly will actually contribute to a solution by a Resolution "on the substance."

By "substance," Archbishop Makarios refers to the demand of the Cypriote people "to become independent and decide their own future."

"The question is simple in its essentials," the bearded Archbishop said. But he charged it has been unduly complicated by the British—first by arguments that the Island was vital to free world defense, then it was Middle East oil. Now the British say Turkish opposition is the main obstacle to Cypriote independence.

Actually, emphasized Archbishop Makarios, "It is an issue between the

people of Cyprus on the one part and the British government on the other."

He rejected the idea of holding a conference of Britain, Greece, and Turkey to settle the future of Cyprus—now a British colony. The Turkish minority—90,000 as compared to 400,000 Cypriotes of Greek origin—would have "full and equal rights" in a free Cyprus, he emphasized; and, in addition, Cypriotes would "willingly agree" to an international instrument to guarantee them.

The Archbishop has been accused by the British of personally directing terrorist activities of the E.O.K.A (Union with Greece) organization. He was deported from Cyprus in March, 1956, and confined to the Seychelles Islands. He was released last spring, but barred from returning to Cyprus.

Answering a sharp question from a British correspondent, he said he was "always ready to appeal to Cypriote patriots to stop using force." But he suggested that his physical presence on the island would be necessary to insure peace. A "truce" has been in force since Makarios' release.

Asked if he would approve of NATO bases on Cyprus, he said: "If the bases are for the defense of freedom, I say the people of Cyprus will be prepared to accept them."

## BATISTA RENEWS 25-DAY BAN ON PRESS FREEDOM IN CUBA

Press freedom in Cuba has been suspended for a second straight period of forty-five days. The action was taken at an extraordinary session of the Cabinet, and Congress was asked to ratify the action. It is the fifth suspension of Constitutional guarantees by the government of President Fulgencio Batista in ten months.

Dispatches from Cuba say that roadblocks and other precautionary measures have been taken since the recent rebel outbreak at Cienfuegos—especially in the eastern province of Oriente, a rebel stronghold. Baggage is subject to minute search, reports say.

President Batista says Cuba will hold general elections next year. He has stated that he will not be a candidate.



## TIME PUBLISHING BOOK

Frank Shea, assistant to *Time* publisher James Linen, is off the news magazine beat. This fall he's bringing out *Time's* first venture in book publishing, *Three Hundred Years of American Painting*, by *Time's* art editor, Alexander Eliot.

Containing 250 plates in full color, the book will be available to OPCers at *Time* and *Life* subscriber prices: the \$13.50 regular edition for \$9.85; the \$15.50 deluxe edition for \$11.85. Write to Book Dep't., *Time*, 540 Michigan Ave., Chicago. Deadline for pre-publication prices: Nov. 1.

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## TICKER (Continued from page 1)

Dan Brown, able press officer of the U.S. Embassy in Amman, was host at a cocktail party which brought the visiting newsmen together with U.S. Ambassador to Jorday Lester D. Mallory and his key aides.

## BEIRUT

*Time* Inc's Middle East bureau chief John Mecklin and his family are back in Beirut after a month's vacation in Italy. Ed Clark, who back-stopped for Mecklin, returned to his Vienna post where he is chief of bureau.

George Weller is staying at the Hotel St. Georges. Also at the St. Georges: Bob and Mary Hewitt, Cowles Publications. The Hewitts are preparing for a six-month tour of Southeast Asia.

Back from covering the opening day of the Damascus Fair are Tom Streit-horst, Richard Kallsen and Henry Toluzzi. Osgood Caruthers, *N.Y. Times*, returned to his Cairo post from Damascus.

Henry Toluzzi

## ROME

Lovely Gina Lollobrigida, on her first Italian TV appearance since the birth of her baby, quipped with newsmen - among them Julius Humi, UP bureau chief, and Max Bergerre, president of the Foreign Press Ass'n. in Rome. Gina, who has at times had her troubles with newsmen and photographers, gallantly insisted - despite proddings to the contrary - that the press "has always been very nice to me."

Another question on the program: "What is a scoop?" Humi, talking very good Italian indeed, explained: news that you have to yourself.

Recent Rome visitors were American publisher S.I. Newhouse and Mrs. Newhouse on one of their periodic European tours; Ralph Wilson, South African Press Ass'n. here from England to study news agencies' facilities; and Miss Patricia Dunbar, director of *Cincinnati Times-Star* Women's Dept., on European tour.

Frank Brutto

## PEOPLE &amp; PLACES...

George Salerno, NBC, was reassigned to Washington bureau to handle radio program, "Three Star Extra." He had been in London bureau.

AP's Bill Ryan was sent to Middle East from New York to reinforce coverage in that area. AP's Rome photographer, Jim Pringle, also is in the Middle East on special assignment.

Rembert James, military editor of Copley News Service, is back in his office after five weeks' tour of Far East and Pacific.

Robert S. Kane, *N.Y. World-Telegram and Sun*, is in North Africa and Europe for a month's free-lancing.

Jerry Thorpe, former war correspondent for Scripps-Howard newspapers, exchanged battle yarns in Los Angeles with other ex-war scribes at L.A. Press Club president Joe Quinn's home. Thorpe was on the Coast for RCA Victor Records.

Phillip Andrews, travel editor of *Mademoiselle*, will be in Europe next month gathering material for article on Mediterranean islands; he will attend Travel Agents convention in Madrid.

Alfred Wagg is in New York after six months overseas for Bell Syndicate, *Parade* and *Christian Science Monitor*. He also worked on 35mm. color film on Moslem religion, will return to Middle East for film production and newspaper coverage Oct. 15.

*N.Y. Times'* Arnold Brackman is doing a lecture series on current events at the Katherine Gibbs school.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Siegel (she's Margot Auerbacher) became parents of their first child, a son, on Aug. 30.

Joe Barnell, *Reader's Digest* Int'l. Ed., is back from a four-month South American tour shooting covers for their Latin American editions.

Betty Reef and Wambly Bald shared a page in the *N.Y. Journal American* Sept. 3 with by-lined human interest stories.

George Herman (CBS) and his wife, Pat, are in Italy, Greece and Istanbul for a month's work and pleasure.

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## DATELINE WASHINGTON

Among the achievements of the eighty-fifth Congress was the nullification of the District of Columbia law requiring a \$25-a-year license on newspaper and radio-TV free lancers. This tax was on the books one year but was not enforced because of serious free press Constitutional questions.

Some members of the press corps "voluntarily" paid the tax. Under the new rule, free-lancers (non-salaried) earning less than \$5,000 a year are not required to pay the \$25 fee.

The District of Columbia concedes that the Constitutional question may yet be raised.

*Bill Downs*, CBS news commentator, broadcasts five-minute news program from Washington on CBS Radio Monday through Friday at 2:00 p.m.

*Jessie Stearns*

## BROWN CELEBRATES 50TH

President *Cecil Brown* celebrated his fiftieth birthday Sept. 14. His wife gave him an IBM electric typewriter as a gift - "on the theory that I could turn out more work" - *Brown* says.

*Reader's Digest* roving editor *Leland Stowe* has resumed journalism and current world affairs courses at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He completed four articles for *Digest* this summer.

## OPEN HOUSE GUESTS AT OPC



Photo: Ann Meuer

Lord Russell of Liverpool (with Lady Russell) told the story of his resignation as Ass't. Judge Advocate General of the British Armies in order to publish his story of the Nuernberg war crimes trials, in which he served as prosecutor. He also urged that Free World policy in the Middle East should make Israel its keystone, charging that other nations in that area are more susceptible to Soviet penetration.

## PORTUGUESE DINNER LIST CLOSING

As *The Overseas Press Bulletin* went to press, only a few reservations remained for the first Regional Dinner of the year, the Portuguese Vintage Festival, Tuesday, Sept. 24.

The menu will comprise specialties of Lisbon and the island colonies, as well as choice wines from Madeira and Oporto. There will be door prizes, as usual. Members of the Portuguese diplomatic corps will be guests of the Club. Tickets at \$3.75 are limited to members and one guest.

## E.V. DURLING DEAD

E.V. Durling, King Features columnist, died of a brain tumor in New York on Sept. 13. He was sixty-four.

His column, called "On the Side," was published in the *N.Y. Journal-American* as "Life with Salt on the Side."

*Barrie Thorne*, BBC; *Wilson Hall* and *Jerry Danzig*, NBC; *Ruth Lloyd*, *London Sunday Times*; *Max Freedman*, *Manchester Guardian*; *Keith Kyle*, *London Economist*; *John Haffernan*, Reuters; and *Phil Foisie*, *Washington Post*, covered the Dartmouth University Convocation on Great Issues in Anglo-Canadian-American Community which was held this month in Hanover, N.H.



Photo: Ann Meuer

Foreign Minister Jorge Skinner Klee (left) of Guatemala gave OPCers a one-hour off-the-record fill-in on events in his country. (Guatemala, he said, is the first Latin American country in recent years to have weathered the assassination of a president without being plunged into revolution. Klee, thirty-four years of age, was educated in California. U.N. Ambassador Emilio Arenales-Catalan is with him.



## good living

## PORTUGAL NEAR IDEAL SPOT FOR RESIDENT NEWSMEN

Lisbon

by Rob Roy Buckingham

The Alan Ladd characters, the sultry adventuresses and the atmosphere of international intrigue that used to make Portugal a good dateline vanished after the war.

Today it is a pleasant, backwater country, an ideal place to write or retire—if beggars and an authoritarian government do not bother you. Between whacks at a novel, you can still buy thirty-five-cent dry martinis, or swim, golf or play tennis in about the finest climate in Europe.

From a news standpoint Lisbon is a good communications head and listening post, also. Death, however, is depleting the ranks of Royal exiles who traditionally have lived here. Rumania's King Carol is gone, Hungary's Admiral Horthy (almost in the Royalty class as he served at one time as Regent) died this year. Spain's Don Juan and former King Humberto of Italy are still around. Rumania's Madame Lupescu lives a secluded life.

Most of the foreign press live in Estoril or Cascais, which are a half-hour by car or train from Lisbon. Estoril is the man-made resort town, and Cascais is the picturesque old fishing village that has absorbed Estoril's overflow.

Henry Tosti Russell, formerly UP, now represents the *New York Times* from a pretty villa near Estoril. Herbert Richardson, INS and McGraw-Hill, unlimbers his typewriter on a veranda overlooking Cascais harbor. He lives in a remodeled fisherman's cottage, and can swim year 'round from his front doorstep.

I chose to live in Lisbon on the theory that if any spot news should ever break it's better to be close to the office than half an hour away. I now kick myself. The only real advantage the location provides is that if the UP leased wire goes out, I can get to work faster. The UP has a twenty-four-hour-a-day leased wire from London that runs through Spain. On this long haul, wire trouble is not uncommon, naturally.

The rest of the fifteen-member foreign press colony are British, Italian, Spanish, French and Swiss. Most of the London papers are represented by stringers. AP's chief is Luis Lupi, a well-connected Portuguese who knows everybody worth knowing. Reuters also has a Portuguese head. There is an active Foreign Press Association that meets at the British Club about once a month. Cabinet ministers address these meetings at regular intervals.

President Salazar is difficult to see, but the other ministers are easily accessible. Dr. Paulo Cunha, the Foreign Minister, speaks excellent English. The others speak French or Spanish.

The local stringers do not take kindly to the habit of some of their home office people who write tough and occasionally distorted pieces about Portugal after short visits. During Queen Elizabeth's state visit this Spring, one of the American by-liners flown in from London by his home office threw a couple of left-handed curves at Portugal in his copy. After the visit was over the Portuguese resident correspondent was called in and given a minor dressing down.

There is no censorship on outgoing news, but there is censorship of the internal press. It appears to be mild in comparison to what I've seen in Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Argentina and Spain, and there are signs it is steadily relaxing. It takes wierd shapes, sometimes. For instance, we have trouble getting the Tarzan comic strip past the censor because Tarzan's girl friends don't wear enough clothing. At other times, it seems very lenient. Recently, a Cabinet Minister and one of his critics fought it out in the letter columns of one of the main Lisbon newspapers.

Anti-government news bulletins sometimes land on my desk in the mail. They are always anonymous, and generally unreliable. But sometimes they provide tips that can be followed up.

The main sources of news are: "SNI" (Secretariado Nacional da Informacao), the newspapers, the airport news service, embassy contacts and personal contacts. The personal contacts are the best and most reliable.

All government communiques and announcements are channelled through SNI. Foreign correspondents are making some progress in their battle to get the government to release texts of important speeches on a hold-for-release basis in advance of delivery. Sometimes, now, they are released simultaneously with delivery.

Head of the foreign press section at SNI is Dr. Tavares de Almeida, a cultured, English-speaking Portuguese who will do just about anything for a visiting newspaperman. The Foreign Ministry "spokesman" is Dr. Joaquim Pico d'Arcos, also English-speaking. He is, at the same time, one of Portugal's leading novelists and poets.

You can live cheaper in Portugal today than almost any other country in Europe.

Lisbon and Estoril are cheaper than Madrid. Portugal is one of the few

countries where the government has been able to hold inflation to a minimum. There is no income tax. With a family of two children, you can live in luxury, with servants and a gardener, for about \$600 a month in Estoril or Cascais. It costs slightly more in Lisbon for the same standard.

You can live very well indeed, although not on so grand a scale, for \$450 to \$500. If you're willing to live on the Portuguese standard, which means fish instead of steak and an ordinary apartment instead of a villa, you can get by for about half of that.

A small furnished villa in Estoril will run around \$100 a month, provided you take it for a year. A short term lease costs more, because during the summer Estoril rents quadruple. A furnished apartment will cost \$75 in Estoril and perhaps \$85 in Lisbon.

The wines, which next to France and Germany are the best in Europe, are cheap. They have a *vinho verde* (green wine) which tastes like champagne, and the red wines are delicious. The whites are poorest. Port wine is expensive, even here, but it tastes quite different from the California port I sampled in New York several weeks ago.

There are many delightful places to live outside the Lisbon-Estoril area, if you are looking for a quiet, cheap place to write. In the south of Portugal, around Praia da Rocha, there are several ideal spots. There is also a wide range of beauty spots in the north.

Portugal's climate is temperate - in the eighties most of the time in summer, and the sixties in the winter.

The best places to drink, eat, and meet news sources is the Fim do Mundo in Cascais. There are good bars at the Embaixador and Avis hotels in Lisbon. The British Club bar is rather quiet. One of the best places to get a medium priced meal and atmosphere is the sidewalk cafe of the Central Hotel at Sintra—about thirty miles north of Lisbon.

Rob Roy Buckingham, European continental Editor for the UP, is now in Portugal reorganizing the agency's expanded office there in order to handle new television and news commitments.



One of UP's veteran foreign correspondents, he has worked in Mexico, Argentina, Britain, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Spain, France, Holland and Egypt. His home base is London.



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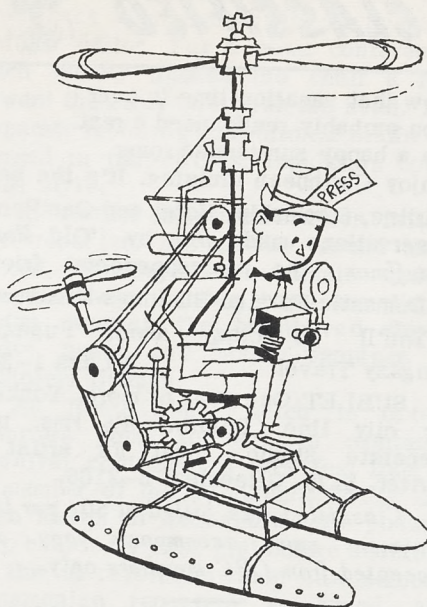
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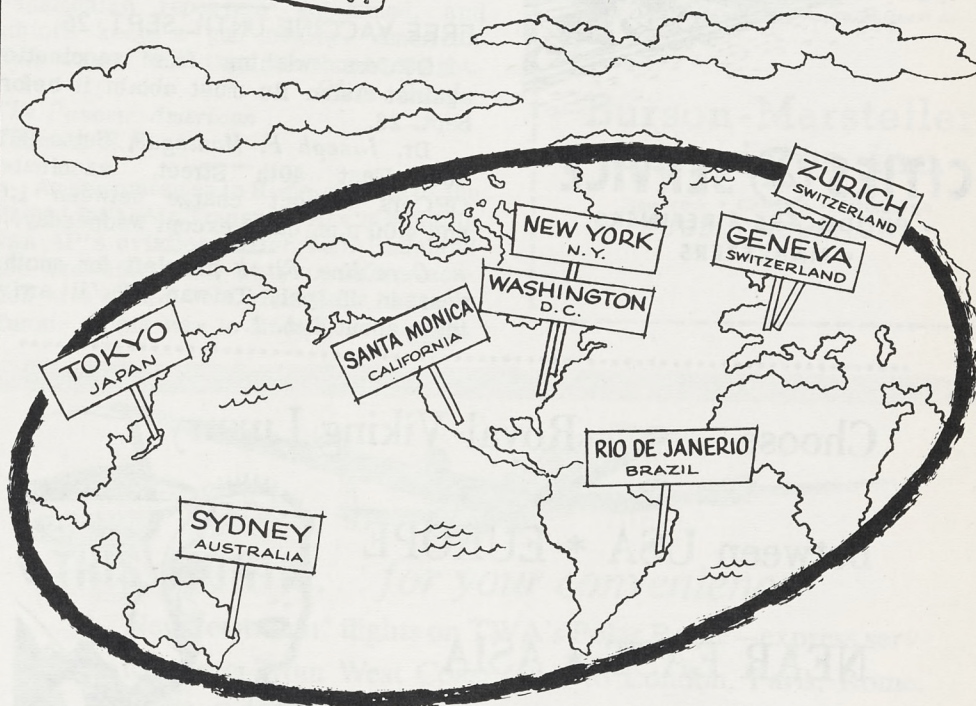
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Richard W. Darrow, president of N.Y. Chapter of Public Relations Society of America; William I. Nichols, editor and publisher of *This Week*; and Edward W. Barrett, Dean of Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, will address the Society of Magazine Writers at their annual dinner Oct. 7 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The OPC bar created the "Brain Picker," a new cocktail in honor of Hallie Burnett's novel of the same name which will be out Monday. She is wife of Whit Burnett; the novel depicts Madison and Fourth Avenues publishing world.



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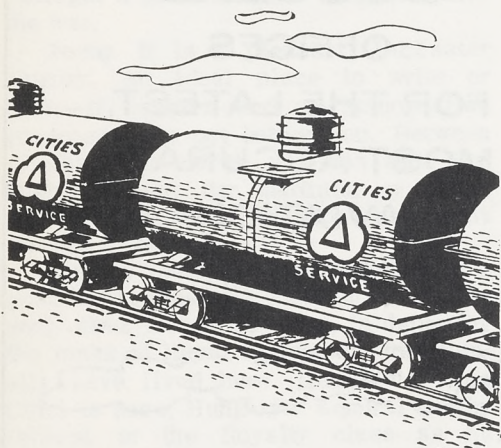


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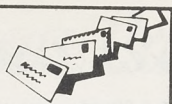
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## LETTERS



Dear Editor,

Crede Calhoun and Jules Dubois established that libel laws do exist in Panama. But applicants for copyreaders' jobs may be relieved to know they cause a minimum of editorial headache, unless you set out to give somebody the business.

Panama courts take such a dim view of nuisance-type libel cases, or those arising from a trivial slip, that few are filed.

Political slander or name-calling between Panamanian politicians sometimes hits such a pitch that someone takes umbrage. He not only threatens libel, but challenges his detractor to a duel — you name the weapons. While the issue is being aired, the National Guard reminds the contestants that dueling is now illegal. Friends and "seconds" intercede; and often everybody shakes hands.

One staffer on the *Panama American* did pay a fine of about \$10 last year for allegedly misquoting a municipal employee reported to have said the capital city was allowing thousands of people to run up delinquent water bills.

But across the boundary (street), Canal Zone libel laws (modeled on California's) not only have teeth but have been known to bite deep. Panama editors don't overlook them.

The late Nelson Rounsevell, an American and the founder of the *Panama American*, published critical views about how the commanding general was running U.S. military matters on the Zone, especially at Ft. Clayton where there had been a rash of soldier suicides. The year was around 1935. When the commanding general appeared in Canal Zone District Court as complaining witness, Rounsevell was fined around \$10,000, but nobody remembers whether he paid. Court records are inconclusive.

A decade ago, an American labor leader at odds with the U.S. District Attorney lambasted the latter's handling of a case. The attack was made in a handout published in the *Panama American* and also carried by its Radio HOG. The labor man got nine months in the Canal Zone pen and was deported on his release. He was an official of the United Public Workers of America, a union later kicked out of the CIO (and the Zone) for having consistently followed the Communist Party line.

In both cases, judges held that wide circulation of the objectionable matter in the Canal Zone constituted cause for action, even though actual publication was made outside its jurisdiction.

As Al Keshen, who started all this, recalls, Panama newsrooms seem odd to

newcomers. Our editor-in-the-slot sits chair-back to chair-back with the Spanish edition editor. For a news conference, each merely pushes his chair a foot toward the other and turns his head. The separate reporting and editorial staffs are ranged in half-circles, regulation copy-desk style.

Informality sometimes startles visitors. Girl reporters may paddle around barefooted, leaving beach-sandals under the typewriter. Cable boys sometimes arrive wearing the bright red shirts, white pants and black trappings of volunteer firemen.

At fiesta time, which is often, reporters come to work in montunos (carnival costumes) if they feel like it. A member of the publishing family has been known to demonstrate the possum step beside my desk just before deadline.

But at revolution time, now seldom, Panamanian reporters go armed, and editors keep a gun nearby. American desk-women hope they can shoot straight.

Olive Brooks

*The Panama American*  
Panama, R.P.

Among newsmen in Rome enroute to the Madrid Int'l. Air Transport Ass'n. meeting was AP's aviation writer Vern Haugland and Mrs. Haugland. They combine vacation with work - Vern visited air bases in Europe on his way to Madrid.



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